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SUBJECT: CSCE/ MBFR LINKAGE: DATE FOR MBFR

REF: VIENNA 4777 (NOTAL, EXDIS)

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

HELSINKI FOR USDEL MPT

COPENHAGEN HOLD FOR MCGUIRE

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1. YOU SHOULD INFORM KHLESTOV SOONEST THAT NEW SOVIET POSITION (REFTEL) IS OBJECTIONABLE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS: (A) WE CANNOT LEAVE PRECISE DATE OPEN, AS THIS COULD LEAD TO MISUNDERSTANDINGS IN COMING MONTHS, (B) LANGUAGE TO EFFECT THAT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BEGIN BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR IS CONTRARY TO UNDERSTANDING REACHED WITH SOVIETS ON TIMETABLE FOR OPENING DATES FOR MBFR AND CSCE LAST SEPTEMBER. US HAS ENTIRELY LIVED UP TO ITS OBLIGATIONS, AS CAN CLEARLY BE SEEN BY FAVORABLE OUTCOME OF CSCE MPT, WITH AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENT TO BEGIN CSCE ON JULY 3,

AND US INTENDS TO HONOR THAT DATE. WE SIMILARLY EXPECT SOVIETS TO AGREE TO DATE FOR MBFR IN SEPTEMBER/ OCTOBER AS FORESEEN IN TIMETABLE. SOVIETS, IN OUR VIEW, SHOULD AGREE NOW TO OCTOBER 30 DATE.

2. YOU ; HOULD ALSO INFORM KHLESTOV THAT SOVIET POSITION LINKING BEGINNING OF MBFR WITH COMPLETION OF CSCE (PARA 3 REFTEL) IS ALREADY BEGINNING TO UNDERMINE FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE WHICH HAS BEEN CREATED FOR CSCE AND, GIVEN ALLIED VIEWS ON SUCH LINKAGE, WOULD IMPEDE FURTHER CSCE PROGRESS. THUS, WE WOULD EXPECT AN OCTOBER 30 DATE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE SOVIETS MAKE A UNILATERAL DECLARATION SUCH AS CONTAINED IN PARA 3.

3. YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO PROBE THE SOVIETS FOR AGREEMENT TO OCTOBER 30 DATE. IF, HOWEVER, KHLESTOV IS UNWILLING TO AGREE BY NEXT PLENARY (PRESUMABLY JUNE 12) ON OCTOBER 30 DATE, YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO WIND UP VIENNA TALKS AND ISSUE COMMUNIQUE IN NEAR FUTURE AS SUGGESTED BY KHLESTOV. BEST APPROACH WOULD THEN BE TO AGREE AT NEXT PLENARY THAT THE FOLLOWING PLENARY SHOULD BE CONVENED JUNE 29, BY WHICH TIME OTHER DEVELOPMENTS MAY PERMIT FORWARD PROGRESS. (FYI: EXACT DATE IS NOT IMPORTANT SO LONG AS IT FOLLOWS SUMMIT AND PRECEDES OPENING DATE OF CSCE.) FOLLOWING YOUR MEETING WITH KHLESTOV, YOU SHOULD INFORM AD HOC GROUP OF RESULTS OF YOUR DISCUSSION, AND OUTLINE US POSITION. WE ASSUME THE ALLIES WILL REJECT THE " BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR" FORMULA. IF THE AD HOC GROUP SHOULD BE DISPOSED TO ACCEPT IT IN LIGHT OF YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH KHLESTOV,

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YOU SHOULD REPORT IMMEDIATELY.

4. FOR HELSINKI: YOU ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE SAME POINTS TO MENDELEVICH IF HE IS AVAILABLE. WE ARE REPEATING REFTEL TO YOU.

5. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL TRAFFIC ON THIS SUBJECT

INCLUDE AS INFO ADDRESSEES TEHRAN FOR THE SECRETARY'S
PARTY UNTIL JUNE 12, AND COPENHAGEN WITH SLUG
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